

**Proposed amendments to SB 186 Blue Copy**

Amend SB 186

1) Page 1, line 30

Strike "25"

Insert "50"

2) Page 2, line 2

After "DISTRICT" insert "and that have solicited the business"

3) Page 2, line 8

After "BID"

Insert "that contains rates that are in compliance with 33-22-1809."

4) Page 2, line 8

Strike "AND"

Insert "An insurer or association that submits a bid"

These amendments have been reviewed and approved by Senators Weinberg and Esp of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee. These amendments are clarifications of the Senate amendments requested by insurers and they do not contradict the intent of the Senate Amendments.

Explanation of amendments

#1 – This amendment decreases the number of school districts the bill applies to by increasing the employee threshold from 25 to 50. It makes the threshold for schools in this bill consistent with the number of employees threshold applicable under the small employer health insurance availability act.

#2 – Clarifies that an insurer must have solicited a school district's business before it could be provided summary health information. The amendment prevents a school district from broadcasting its loss information to all insurers and requires that an insurer to be interested in the district's business before it could be sent the information.

#3 – Provides an objective standard that is currently in Montana law for determination of a fair and reasonable bid. This standard, 33-22-1809 MCA is the rating methodology required under the small employer health insurance availability act.

#4 – Adds a new sentence where a phrase requiring a bid was previously part of the preceding sentence.